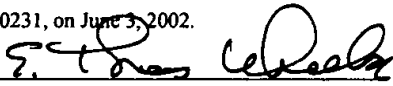


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the first Office Action (Paper No. 4) dated December 3, 2001. Claims 14-23 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please make the following amendment to the specification:

At column 1, line 4, the first line of the specification, please insert:

--Application 09/688,077, filed October 13, 2000 and co-pending Application-09/169,188, filed October 8, 1988, are each reissues of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,067 (Application No. 08/464,116), filed June 5, 1995. --